

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016  
6:30 PM  
City Council Chambers, City Hall  
45 Lyon Terrace  
Bridgeport, CT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President McCarthy called the Public Session to order at 6:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

The following members were present:

130<sup>th</sup> District: Kathryn Bukovsky, Scott Burns  
131<sup>st</sup> District:  
132<sup>nd</sup> District: John Olson  
133<sup>rd</sup> District: Thomas McCarthy, Jeanette Herron  
134<sup>th</sup> District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia  
135<sup>th</sup> District: Mary McBride-Lee, Richard Salter  
136<sup>th</sup> District: Jose Casco  
137<sup>th</sup> District: Aidee Nieves  
138<sup>th</sup> District: Anthony Paoletto, Nessah Smith  
139<sup>th</sup> District: Eneida Martinez, James Holloway

A quorum was present. Council President McCarthy announced that Council Member Feliciano would not be in attendance due to a death in her family.

**THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSON HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 45 LYON TERRACE, BRIDGEPORT, CT.**

**NAME**

**SUBJECT**

**Cecil C. Young**  
99 Carroll Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06607

Requesting that the two council members  
of the 139th District resign.

Mr. Cecil Young came forward and wished everyone a happy holiday. He said that for the last two weeks, he has been speaking to the Council about the period when he was employed by the City. He said that he had the time cards from when he was at work proving he was on the job.

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He said that the City had terminated his medical benefits and that people needed to listen. He then blew two short blasts on a whistle.

*Council Members Banta and Taylor-Moye joined the meeting at 6:36 p.m.*

Mr. Young said that the Council needs to be doing what they should be doing. He asked why they didn't do the right thing and said that everyone knew him. He then waved an American flag and displayed several large poster boards. Mr. Young then turned and addressed those in the audience and spoke about the information on the poster. He then told the Council to do the right thing and repeated it several times. In conclusion, he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Bob Keeley**  
2156 Park Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Renaming the City of Bridgeport, ET AL.

Mr. Keeley, a former State Senator, came forward and said that Mr. Young was a hard act to follow. He said that he was concerned that both Stamford and New Haven claiming funds, but Bridgeport seems to be missing the opportunity. He said that he thought there should be some people who could sit down and reach out to the various funding organizations in Hartford and D.C. He spoke about the fact that the Pleasure Beach Bridge and the Congress Street Bridges had funding allocated, but the funds were diverted to New Haven and other cities. There are many private financing mechanisms that the City could apply for. Mr. Keeley then read a partial list of some of those groups and said that he would like to continue this discussion with the Council Members.

**Clyde Nicholson**  
54 Wallace Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

Taxes

Mr. Clyde Nicholson came forward and greeted the Council. He said that the Police Department was now on television and people across the nation were watching the police department on Friday nights. He said that it was a shame that Bridgeport was being run down in this manner. He then spoke about having back ground checks.. He added that Council President McCarthy should sit down with Mr. Young to work the issues out. It's been over eight years. This is not fair and it is unconstitutional. He said that the citizens live in the United States and that they should be involved with a certain citizens group.

**John Marshall Lee**  
30 Beacon Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06605

City Financial Issues.

John Marshal Lee came forward and read the following statement into the record:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Bridgeport City Council I was absent from forum during the month of November. I took time to read, research and reflect in more detail where we may be today as a City with serious fiscal problems, in a State facing the same issues and in the country of my birth

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where at this moment we do not have a good handle on where we are presently and fully accurately much less where we are headed.

For Thanksgiving I prepared a Message on the topic of what it may mean in the world today to be a “good citizen”. Before leaving my office this afternoon, I sent a copy of that article to each of you in the hope that you will read it. Perhaps you will share the ideas contained if you think them worthwhile. Will you let me know your thoughts if you sense we are in disagreement?

December is the month of the year when you will see a listing of the “year in review”. Calendar year 2016 will be special in that regard for the many changes worldwide. Locally it has been Mayor Ganim’s first complete 12 months with his “second chance” term. Most memorable at this location were the number of people who came out from all parts of the City due to the higher tax notices that were unexpected based on campaign rhetoric. Taxes will be remembered at election time 11 months from now.

Are you reading the monthly financial report to see how revenues and expenses are projected and working out? We are in the sixth month of the Fiscal Year but the results through four months just hit your desks. How will you explain the significant reserves you agreed to budget to increase city fund balances (hopefully) at year end, or the level of pension contributions for underfunded plans while ignoring the cries on the education budget? Building reserves does not register with voters the way the school budget necessary cuts in their operating budget have.

The Police Department budget is “phony” because of bloat beyond this year. Ken Flatto has done a good job of preparing some notes, but the 29 new members of the force in 2016 and the new class of 23 just sworn in does not add up to the 100 promised. And members of the Department still are retiring. Is a bigger solution necessary? What public goal will serve to show that management has a handle on the issue? One hundred more in a year was not honest. Are there other solid public safety initiatives that might be pursued to eliminate the serious overtime payments necessary that create an even greater City pension obligation that is already underfunded?

One year ago \$950,000 disappeared from the Office of Planning and Economic Development Capital budget without approval by you, or a review and approval at any level. It seems to have gone to the Port Authority, a quasi public entity, to payoff debt they incurred ten years previously. Why? The PA is located in City Hall and the City managers have taken in the revenues and paid the bills of that group for the past 9 years, but there is no available fiscal record of annual reports for you to review since an auditor reported in December 2008. Outrageous, I suggest. A real failure in governance and we stand here tonight one year later with no announced consequences or financial reporting. Why?

There are other areas of concern within the City that affect property owners and residents and harm them. How is it right to collect revenues from citizens or taxpayers and not report them as such in Department results? Who provides oversight in such instances? If a Department is allowed to report balanced or surplus actual budgets for years and evidence surfaces that actual expenses are higher than those reported, is it a problem if the annual variance expense is \$100,000 or \$150,000 or more? Should the external auditor catch such situations?

There are several private taxpaying citizens with expertise assisting me in the study of City financial reports. We have enjoyed the willingness of Finance and Office of Policy Management leadership to provide public information and comment. As For Sale signs spring up around the City and long time neighbors find themselves driven out by property tax payments greater than fixed incomes we need to work together for a better financial path. Can it be done? Time will tell.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President McCarthy adjourned the public speaking portion of the Council meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016**

**7:00 PM**

**City Council Chambers, City Hall - 45 Lyon Terrace**

**Bridgeport, Connecticut**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ganim called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**PRAYER**

Mayor Ganim requested Council Member McBride-Lee lead those present in prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ganim requested Bridgeport City Clerk Lydia Martinez to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President McCarthy said that Council Member Feliciano was not in attendance due to the death of her grandmother.

Mayor Ganim then announced a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of Council Member Feliciano's grandmother.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Lydia Martinez called the roll.

The following members were present:

130<sup>th</sup> District: Kathryn Bukovsky, Scott Burns  
131<sup>st</sup> District: Jack O. Banta, Denese Taylor-Moye  
132<sup>nd</sup> District: M. Evette Brantley, John Olson  
133<sup>rd</sup> District: Thomas McCarthy, Jeannette Herron  
134<sup>th</sup> District: Michelle Lyons, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia  
135<sup>th</sup> District: Mary McBride-Lee, Richard Salter  
136<sup>th</sup> District: Jose Casco, Alfredo Castillo,  
137<sup>th</sup> District: Aidee Nieves  
138<sup>th</sup> District: Anthony Paoletto, Nessah Smith  
139<sup>th</sup> District: Eneida Martinez, James Holloway

A quorum was present.

Council Member Martinez requested a point of personal privilege to recognize Bridgeport Police Officer Christopher Robinson who recently responded to a call involving an unresponsive infant.

Council President McCarthy requested Officer Robinson and his family to come forward, along with Bridgeport Police Chief A. J. Perez and other Bridgeport Police Officers who were present at the meeting.

Council President McCarthy then said that the Council would like to honor Officer Robinson for his compassion and caring during the tragic loss of the infant and pointed out that this type of situation demonstrates how the Police Department goes above and beyond in caring for the community.

Police Chief Perez commended Officer Robinson for his actions during that difficult call.

Officer Robinson then thanked everyone and spoke about his experiences as an officer and the challenges the officers face on a daily basis.

**Mayoral Citation and City Council Citation: Recognizing the 20th Anniversary of the Hollow Development Corporation and the tremendous work it has done through the years promoting community development in the Hollow Neighborhood including organizing the first Neighborhood Revitalization Zone.**

Council President McCarthy then called the members of the Hollow Development Corporation to recognize them for the tremendous work it has done through the years promoting community development in the Hollow Neighborhood including organizing the first Neighborhood Revitalization Zone.

Council President McCarthy presented everyone involved with certificates.

Mayor Ganim also congratulated all those involved in the work and presented everyone involved with certificates.

#### **Adoption of City Council Rules.**

Council Member Olson asked if these were the same rules that were previously approved and he also wanted to know when these were discussed. Council President McCarthy explained that when the Council was organized in September, the Council Rules were adopted. If changes were made mid-year, they are made for that time forward. Mid-year, the rules are ratified.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL RULES.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **Appointment of City Council Standing Committees**

Council President McCarthy announced that the following changes would be made on the City Council Standing Committees:

Committee of Education and Social Services removed Kathryn Bukovsky and replaced with Anthony Paoletto.

Liaison to the Chamber of Commerce removed AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia and replaced with Scott Burns.

Liaison to the Parks Commission removed Kathryn Bukovsky and replaced with AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:**

#### **Approval of City Council Minutes: November 7, 2016**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2016.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2016 AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**A Meeting of Landowners Abutting a Portion of the Paper Street known as Summit Place (“Street”) per Item #20-15 to be discontinued pursuant to the requirements of Section 13a-49 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, who may be heard on the matter.**

Mayor Ganim called the Public Hearing regarding Summit Place to order at 7:40 p.m. Mayor Ganim asked if there was anyone present who was in favor of this item.

Atty. Linda Pesce Laske, came forward and explained that she had filed this on behalf of her client. She added that she had an additional petition to add to the record. She then turned the document over to Atty. Mark Anastasi.

Mayor Ganim asked if there was anyone present who wished to address the Council regarding this issue. Hearing none, Mayor Ganim closed the public hearing regarding Summit Place at 7:43 p.m.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO BE REFERRED TO COMMITTEES:**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO REFER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO THEIR APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES:**

**02-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR FY 2016 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANTS (AFG) VEHICLE ACQUISITION (PROJECT #17228), REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

**03-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FOR FY 2016 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANTS (AFG) OPERATIONS AND SAFETY (PROJECT #17210, #17211 AND #17281), REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**

**04-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CENTRAL GRANTS RE: GRANT SUBMISSION: STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (DMHAS) BOND FUND FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**05-16 COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONCLUSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION AT NEWFIELD PARK WITH THE FILING OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL LAND USE RESTRICTION, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**06-16 COMMUNICATION FROM OPED RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ADOPTION OF A WATERFRONT MASTER PLAN, REFERRED TO ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON (CONSENT CALENDAR):**

**\*216-15 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.08 – City Contracts and Purchasing Procedures, amend Section 3.08.070 – Purchasing Procedure.**

- \*219-15 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15.08 – Building Permits and Fees, amend Section 15.08.020 – Building Permits to be withheld due to Delinquent Taxes and User Fees.**
- \*200-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Rosalina Roman Christy to the Library Board of Directors.**
- \*202-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Kenya Osborne-Gant to the Library Board of Directors.**
- \*203-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Attorney James E. O'Donnell to the Library Board of Directors.**
- \*204-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Judge William Holden to the Library Board of Directors.**
- \*205-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Phylicia R. Brown to the Library Board of Directors.**
- \*209-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Jonathan Shapiro.**
- \*210-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Refund of Excess Payments – Lacey Manufacturing Holding Co. LLC: 2015 RE 1808-01K.**
- \*211-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Refund of Excess Payments – Lacey Manufacturing Holding Co. LLC: 2015 RE 1809-25.**
- \*212-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Refund of Excess Payments – Hearst Newspaper: 2015 PP P-0133000.**
- \*221-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Workers' Compensation Stipulation with Glenn Christie.**
- \*222-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Workers' Compensation Stipulation with David C. Cobbs.**
- \*223-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Workers' Compensation Stipulation with Mario Pirulli.**
- \*224-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Workers' Compensation Stipulation with Michael Sullivan.**

Mayor Ganim then asked if there was any Council Member who would like to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. Council Member Martinez requested that Agenda Item 216-15 be removed from the Consent Calendar. Council President McCarthy requested that items 200-15,

202-15, 203-15, 204-15 and 205-15 be removed from the consent calendar. Council Member Olson asked why. Council President McCarthy said that there would be an opportunity to discuss the reasons later in the meeting. The item at hand was the determination of which items would remain on the consent calendar.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO REMOVE THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**\*200-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF ROSALINA ROMAN CHRISTY TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**\*202-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF KENYA OSBORNE-GANT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**\*203-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY JAMES E. O'DONNELL TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**\*204-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF JUDGE WILLIAM HOLDEN TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**\*205-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF PHYLCIA R. BROWN TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**216-15 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 3.08 – CITY CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING PROCEDURES, AMEND SECTION 3.08.070 – PURCHASING PROCEDURE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

City Clerk Martinez read the remaining items into the record.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**\*219-15 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 15.08 – BUILDING PERMITS AND FEES, AMEND SECTION 15.08.020 – BUILDING PERMITS TO BE WITHHELD DUE TO DELINQUENT TAXES AND USER FEES.**

**\*209-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH JONATHAN SHAPIRO.**

**\*210-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – LACEY MANUFACTURING HOLDING CO. LLC: 2015 RE 1808-01K.**

**\*211-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – LACEY MANUFACTURING HOLDING CO. LLC: 2015 RE 1809-25.**

**\*212-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REFUND OF EXCESS PAYMENTS – HEARST NEWSPAPER: 2015 PP P-0133000.**

**\*221-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION STIPULATION WITH GLENN CHRISTIE.**

**\*222-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION STIPULATION WITH DAVID C. COBBS.**

**\*223-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION STIPULATION WITH MARIO PIRULLI.**

**\*224-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION STIPULATION WITH MICHAEL SULLIVAN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*216-15 Ordinance Committee Report re: Amendments to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.08 – City Contracts and Purchasing Procedures, amend Section 3.08.070 – Purchasing Procedure.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM \*216-15 ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 3.08 – CITY CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING PROCEDURES, AMEND SECTION 3.08.070 – PURCHASING PROCEDURE AND SEND IT BACK TO COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER HOLLOWAY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

*Council Member Holloway left the meeting.*

**200-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Rosalina Roman Christy to the Library Board of Directors.**

**202-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Kenya Osborne-Gant to the Library Board of Directors.**

**203-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Attorney James E. O'Donnell to the Library Board of Directors.**

**204-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Reappointment of Judge William Holden to the Library Board of Directors.**

**205-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Phylcia R. Brown to the Library Board of Directors.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**200-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF ROSALINA ROMAN CHRISTY TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**202-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF KENYA OSBORNE-GANT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**203-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY JAMES E. O'DONNELL TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**204-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: REAPPOINTMENT OF JUDGE WILLIAM HOLDEN TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**205-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF PHYLCIA R. BROWN TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO TABLE THE ITEMS PASSED WITH FOURTEEN IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, TAYLOR-MOYE, MCCARTHY, HERRON, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, PAOLETTO, SMITH AND MARTINEZ) AND FOUR OPPOSED (BANTA, VIZZO-PANICCIA, OLSON, AND BRANTLEY).**

**MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON:**

**201-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Appointment of Donald W. Greenberg to the Library Board of Directors.**

Council President McCarthy explained there had been an issue raised about minority representation on the Library Board. He then turned the floor over to Atty. Anastasi for an explanation. Atty. Anastasi reiterated that there was concern about the minority representation and that the Legal Department was not quite finished with researching the issue. There can be no more than 6 of the 9 members from one party and there may be a problem because there may be 7.

The Mayor said that when this issue came up, he had asked the City Attorney to look into this and they were in the process of doing this. He also thanked the Board members for their patience in this matter.

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 201-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: APPOINTMENT OF DONALD W. GREENBERG TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO TABLE THE ITEM PASSED WITH FOURTEEN IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, TAYLOR-MOYE, MCCARTHY, HERRON, LYONS, MCBRIDE-LEE, SALTER, CASCO, CASTILLO, NIEVES, PAOLETTO, SMITH AND MARTINEZ) AND FOUR OPPOSED (BANTA, VIZZO-PANICCIA, OLSON, AND BRANTLEY).**

**208-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Settlement of Pending Litigation with Renu Gupta.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 208-15 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE REPORT RE: SETTLEMENT OF PENDING LITIGATION WITH RENU GUPTA.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**220-15 Miscellaneous Matters Committee Report re: Resolution to enforce accountability and replace current members of the Bridgeport Public Library Board of Directors of the City, DENIED.**

Council President McCarthy explained that a “Yes” vote was to uphold the Committee recommendation. A roll call vote was requested from the floor.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED THE ITEM.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH THIRTEEN IN FAVOR (BUKOVSKY, BURNS, TAYLOR-MOYE, BRANTLEY, OLSON, MCCARTHY, LYONS, VIZZO-PANICCIA,**

**MCBRIDE-LEE, NIEVES, PAOLETTO, SMITH, AND MARTINEZ) AND FIVE OPPOSED (BANTA, HERRON, SALTER, CASCO, AND CASTILLO).**

**01-16 Special Committee Report re: (Ref. #20-15) Street Discontinuance of a Portion of the Paper Street known as Summit Place: Adopted on November 21, 2016.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER OLSON MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 01-16 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT RE: (REF. #20-15) STREET DISCONTINUANCE OF A PORTION OF THE PAPER STREET KNOWN AS SUMMIT PLACE: ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 21, 2016.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**07-16 Communication from Mayor re: Appointment of Hector Diaz (D) to the Board of Police Commissioners, referred to Public Safety and Transportation Committee.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED THE ITEM.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Brantley asked for a point of personal privilege. She said that she had concerns about the A&E broadcasts involving the Bridgeport Police. Recently, she has been receiving calls from constituents regarding the show and she asked why the Council had not been told about this or previously approved it. Mayor Ganim said that he would get a report from the Chief on this because the Chief would know the protocol. Council Member Brantley said that there were resident who were concerned about the fact that the cameras were in the homes of residents during the time of a tragedy. These people should not have cameras shoved in their faces.

Council Member Taylor-Moye said that she was all in favor of police body cameras, but felt that broadcasting the calls on live TV was wrong.

Council Member Vizzo-Paniccia reminded everyone to sign their documents before leaving the meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER PAOLETTO MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**

Council Member Nieves said that she was not in favor of the A&E police show and that it did not show reality. Mayor Ganim said that he agreed with her and would be working on this issue with the Chief.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services